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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 29th/October, through Sunday, 5th/November there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3C0, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FT5X, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9C, VK9N, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XF4, XT, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YU6, YV, Z2, Z3, Z7, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/n, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5A, LIBYA (Topband Activity)

An international team of operators will activate Libya between November 15-29th, using the callsign 5A7A (See **OPDX.765** and **OPDX.774**). Rudi, DK7PE, one of the 5A7A operators,

announced this past week the following frequency combination will be used during their 160m operations:

* During JA openings - TX frequency will be 1.821 MHz (QSX 1.825 MHz).
* After the JA window is closed they may change to 1.824.5 MHz (QSX up 5) for North America in case 1.821 is covered there with QRM.

They will use a TITANEX V160E vertical for transmitting, but their major challenge will be the reception side. They expect a beverage not to perform very well over the high conducting soil directly on the beach, let alone the space limitations. Therefore, they will use a Pre-Amp/FES (KD9SV) in connection with a Pennant receiving antenna and also with a K9AY system. Rudi states that he will also bring his well proved Coax loop with him. For more info and updates, visit:

http://5a7a.gmxhome.de

8Q, MALDIVES

Michele, IK5ZUI, is now reportedly working on Maldive Islands for next 12 months. He is expected to be active as 8Q7IM. More details are forthcoming on:

http://www.mdxc.org

A7, QATAR

Some operators from Qatar will activate the special callsign A70RRY from now until December 15th to celebrate the 15th Asian Games 2006 which is going to start in Doha on December 1st. Activity this past week has been on 160/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via EA7FTR. Please see EA7FTR on QRZ.com for details on QSLing.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Operator Luca, IK2NCJ, will be active as D44AC during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band entry.

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, informs OPDX that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

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3V6T      - Tunisia; Operation from July 5-15th, 2006
            Operation from October 22-31st, 2006
            Operation from November 22-30th, 2006
3V7A      - Tunisia; Operation from May 22-31st, 2006
9G5UR     - Ghana; Current operation effective September 22nd, 2006
9M0/9M2TO - Spratly Islands; June 9-12th, 2006
9Q1NT     - Democratic Republic of the Congo; Current operation
            effective September 22nd, 2006
C91TL     - Mozambique; Operation from June 29th-July 13th, 2006
FO/F8UFT  - Clipperton Island; Operation from March 1-31st, 2005
OJ0LA     - Market Reef; September 9-15th, 2006
ZA/IK7JWX - Albania; Operation from July 10-30th, 2006
ZL9BSJ    - Auckland & Campbell Island; Operation on September 12th, 2002
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E51, NORTH COOK ISLANDS

Operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ are now active from Penrhyn Atoll (OC-082) as E51PEN and E51PDX, respectively, until November 18th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, mostly on CW, but with some SSB and RTTY. They will be running 100 watts and verticals. QSL via their home callsigns. ADDED NOTE: Operators Mike/KM9D and Jan/KF4TUG, who have been active as E51QMA from Penrhyn Atoll (OC-082) this past week, are expected to be QRT by the time you read this. They plan to set sail towards Christmas Island (T32). QSL via OM2SA.

FT1, CROZET ISLAND (On the Birds!)

Nicolas, F4EGX (ex-FT1WK), will be again in Crozet as FT1WM. He was expected to leave Reunion Island on November 3rd and head to Crozet. He is expected to head back to France on December 31st. Unfortunately, Nicolas will not be active on HF bands, but he will be on the satellites only.

IOTA NEWS

AS-115. Berkin, TA3J, will be active as TA3J/0 from **Antalya - Sican Adasi (Rat Island,** MIA MTC-099, Grid: KM56JU), between November 11-26th (weather permitting). Activity will be on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 meters and the WARC bands; on all modes. QSL via Nilay, TA3YJ, direct (only SASE and 1 IRC, no green stamps please) or by the bureau. No eQSL. SWL QSL cards are OK. The TA3J/0 Web Page is:

http://www.geocities.com/ta3j0/1

EU-113. A team of Greek operators, all members of the Radio Amateur Association of Greece **(http://www.raag.org)**, are planning a DXpedition to the **rocky islet of Falkonera** (MIA MG-087) from the Lighthouse there (ARLHS: GRE 012, WLOTA: L0740 and TWLHD-WLH: SV-029) between November 15-19th. They will use the special callsign SX8F. Operators mentioned are: Cliff/SV1JG, Nikiforos/ SV1EEX, Theodor/SV1GRM, Lykourgos/SW1GZL, Sotirios/SV1HER, Dionisios/SV1HHC and Makis/SV1IZR. The team believes this will be the first activation of the rocky islet of Falkonera and of the Lighthouse too. There are not any inhabitants on the island. Activity will be on 160-6 meters plus VHF, UHF and SHF. They plan to bring plenty of equipment and antennas. Operations will include CW/SSB/PSK/FSK441/FM. QSL Manager is SV1HER. For more details about Falkonera DXpedition and the Lighthouse, visit the web page at:

http://users.sch.gr/nkontopoul/sx8f

EU-172. Operator Norbert, DL1HTW, will be active as OZ/DL1HTW from **Langeland Island** (FY-019 for the Danish Islands Award), now through November 11th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB and SSTV. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

NA-219. A group of German operators will be active from Elbow Cay which belongs to **Cay Sal Bank Cays Group** in the Bahamas early in 2007. The **ARLHS Lighthouse** is BAH 018. IOTA NA-219 is on the most wanted IOTA lists in North America. The callsign will be announced later. The team, consisting of Bodo/DL3OCH, Rene/ DL2JRM, Dan/DL5SE and Daniel/DL5YWM, will leave Key Largo, Florida, around the 3rd of January and plans to be active until January 9th. The date can vary because of the weather. They will have two stations on the air and will operate on 160-10 meters CW/SSB on the suggested IOTA frequencies. Bodo/DL3OCH will take EME equipment which is good for 70cm and 23cm contacts. It will be the first time that the C6A prefix will be on the air on 23cm. Skeds are very welcome. Due to

the high costs (7000 USDs just for the transportation) any donations are welcome. The QSL Manager is DL3OCH. For more updates and information, please check the following Web site at:

http://www.qslnet.de/member/na219/english/index.htm

OC-146. Operator Pele, YB8TAF, will be active from **Celebes [Sulawesi] Island** (WLOTA LH-2246) as YB8TAF/p from November 9-14th. His activity will also include an entry in the JIDX Contest (November 11-12th). QSL via EA5KB **(QRZ.com)**.

ML0, JERSEY

Mat, F5SHQ, will be active as MJ0ASP during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via F5SHQ.

OA, PERU

Martijn, PA3GFE, will be active as OA#/homecall from now until December 10th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. He is expected to be active as OA4O during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th). QSL via his homecall.

ON60, BELGIUM

Members of the UBA Radio Club in Belgium may use the "ON60" prefix until February 10, 2007, to celebrate the 60th annivesary of the UBA, the IARU Society for Belgium.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

SO9Q via SP9QMP
UK8ACO direct via 700000, Tashkent, PO Box 0
UA9JMB via RA9JR
V25JK via W4BCX
YT5J via YU1JW

Bob, N2OO, announced that he is now handling the QSLs for **3B8FP** (1987- 1989) and **S79KMB** (1991-1999). These will no longer be handled by KN2N. Only QSL for these dates mentioned.

BUREAU CLOSINGS. The following Bureaus are now closed for the ARRL Outgoing Bureau Service:

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4J  - Azerbaijan      HV  - Vatican City State
C2  - Nauru           ST  - Sudan
C6  - Bahamas         V4  - Saint Kitts & Nevis
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Martin, **V51W** (ex-V51WM, also DJ7KP), will forward QSLs for all QSOs in the 2006 CQWW DX SSB Contest via the the German DARC QSL-office. No need to send cards in advance. QSL Manager is DJ7SX.

As you know, there will be plenty of activity from the Laccadives Islands next month (#2 on the top ten for DXCC). Jean Michel, F6AJA, suggests to visit the following Web page to see the complete (possibly) set of QSLs from previous Laccadives activities. Please visit:

http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr

Just follow "galerie de QSL" and then "les dix contrees les plus recherchees"... and you will find a set of cards for the 10 most wanted, including the Laccadives....

XF4DL LOGS. The online logs for **XF4DL** can be found at:

http://www.logsearch.de/

They reportedly have over 56k QSOs in the log. QSL information is as follows:
- only North America - all QSLs via the bureau or direct to N6AWD
- all others - QSL via the bureau or direct to DL9NDS

QSL **ZT2V** via ZS2DL. Activity was during the CQWW SSB Contest from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. This is the first activation of the ZT2 prefix since 1939. Operator was Donovan, ZS2DL. Look for him with this callsign again in the next CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th).

SPECIAL EVENT (ISWL)

The International Shortwave League (ISWL), continues with their 60th (Diamond) anniversary celebrations throughout the month of November. Look for the following to be active this month:

GB6SWL - Activity between November 11-12th, from Colchester in Essex. The station is being run by the Colchester ARS. (A Club Affiliated to the ISWL).

GB6SWL - Activity between November 18-19th, from Annan in Dumfrieshire, Scotland. John, GM6LYJ, will be the main operator.

GB6SWL - Activity between November 25-26th, from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire. Walt, G3NYY, will be the main operator.

The ISWL Club's callsigns GX4BJC/P and MX1SWL/P will also be active throughout October. With only 2 months left for these celebrations, the ISWL Awards Program is open to non members for a very small fee to cover postage to any country in the world. Please visit the following Web page for all the details, including QSL information and the Special Diamond Anniversay Awards etc... at:

http://www.iswl.org.uk

T40, CUBA

Operators Winston/CO2WF, Willy/CO2MHZ (ex-CO2UG) and Juan Carlos/CO2JD will be active as T40C during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL Manager is Phil, N1KI. Activity will be from Bocaciega, at Habana West Beach's.

TI, COSTA RICA

Dick, W0RAA, reports that he will be leaving on November 21st for Costa Rica as a member of a team for the CQWW DX CW Contest. He is expected to be active before the contest signing as TI5/W0RAA, and will operate RTTY on 14085 kHz (+/-) and PSK31 on 14070 kHz (+/-). Dick may also be active on some SSB and will try to operate split (listening UP). He hopes to hand out Costa Rica on PSK31 and RTTY, which he believes is needed by many. QSL

via W0RAA with a SASE.

TZ, MALI (Update)

Everything is a go for the members of the VooDoo Contest Group which will be active as TZ5A for the second year in a row during the 2006 CQWW CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Multi/Multi entry. QSL via G3SXW. Operators mentioned are: Ed/AA7A, Roger/G3SXW, Fred/G4BWP, John/ G4IRN, Robert/GM3YTS, Vince/K5VT, Mike/KC7V and Lee/KY7M. The callsign TZ5A will be used only during the contest. During precontest activity, operators will operate with their own callsign, and each operator will handle their own QSLs. Look for the following callsigns to be active outside of the contest:

November 18-24th and November 27-30th
TZ6NS via AA7A (also QRV RTTY and 2m EME)
TZ6MF via KC7V (also QRV 160m and 2m EME)

November 18-24th
TZ6WP via G4BWP
TZ6RF via GM3YTS (also QRV 160m)
TZ6VT via K5VT
TZ6LF via KY7M

November 21-24th
TZ6RN via G4IRN

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING (Update)

Charlie/W0YG and Barry/N0KV are now active as VK9CGG until November 20th. They were heard this past week on various bands CW/SSB. Seems to be plently of CW activity on 40/12/10 meters, and on SSB, watch 15 meters. QSL via W0YG (direct only).

VP8, ANTARCTICA

Alan, VK6CQ (aka VK0LD, VP8PJ anf 9V1DX), will be active again from the summer Base Camp at Patriot Hills, Ellsworth Land, until December 10th. He suggests the following frequencies on CW: 7003, 10103 and 14003 kHz. His equipment will be a Yaesu FT-897D w/100 watts into an unterminated Vee beam orientated at 011/191 degrees. Alan states,

> "Please bear in mind that this is not a DXpedition - I am on a work assignment and my free time is rather limited, but I will try to be operational every day for an hour or so subject to work load."

He will be signing VP8PJ from Patriot Hills base. He mentions that the Chile Telecomm Authority has also issued him a reciprocal licence CE/VK0LD (the XQ prefix is issued to Chilean residents only). Alan will use CE8/VK0LD from Punta Arenas and CE9/VK0LD from the Chilean refuge Arturo Parodi (near Patriot Hills Base Camp) or Vinson Base Camp (120 miles North West of Patriot Hills). QSL Manger is Dominik, DL5EBE. For more details and updates, visit his Web site at:

http://www.geocities.com/vk0ld/home.html

ADDED NOTE: By the time you read this, Adam, K2ARB, will be finishing his activity from Punta Arenas as CE8/K2ARB and will be heading to Patriot Hills. His activity will between November 15th and January 27th. His callsign is not known yet. Adam states that he plans to operate on his days off on 40/30/20 meters CW and will check in, when possible, on the

Antarctic SSB nets. He will also be keeping a blog about his journey at:

http://www.k2arb.blogspot.com

Alan will try to put an entry in about his operating frequencies and times once he gets going and will talk about what is happening at the base.

WP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Kenji (Ken), JH3AIU/K2AJ (ex-JR3EDE), will be active as WP2AIU from November 20-24th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. He will be mainly on 160/80 meters, the WARC bands and the Digital mode. QSL via JH3AIU.

XT2, BURKINA FASO (Update)

The Provins ARS (F6KOP) has announced their next DXpedition will be to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, between January 6-20th (See OPDX.780). The F6KOP group announced this past week that the Bukinabe authorities have issued the following callsigns for their DXpedition. The DXpedition's callsign will be XT2C. Each operator was also isssued a personal callsign as follows:

Bob/N6OX:	**XT2CI**	**Gerard/F2JD:**	**XT2JD**
Bill/N2WB:	**XT2CJ**	**Franck/F5TVG:**	**XT2CD**
Dieter/OE8KDK:	**XT2CK**	**Alain/F5LMJ:**	**XT2CE**
Frank/F4AJQ:	**XT2CC**	**Jean Paul/F8BJI:**	**XT2BJ**
Gerard/F2VX:	**XT2CA**	**Bernard/F9IE:**	**XT2IE**

Their web page will be operational very soon.

XU, CAMBODIA

Operator Bruce, AA4XR, will be active as XU7ADF between November 23-29th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (band not provided)/Low-Power entry. QSL via AA4XR.

ZA, ALBANIA

Operators Tom/DL2RMC and Heiko/DL1RTL will be on a holiday expedition to here between November 8-13th. They plan to sign ZA/homecall and be active on 160-10 meters on all modes. Also, look for them in the WAE RTTY Contest. They will have two stations w/100 watts using yagis and verticals. QSL via their home callsigns, by the bureau or direct.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Operator Brian, ZD9BCB, is expected to be active sometime this week from Gough Island (IOTA **AF-030**) until September 2007. No QSL route or bands/modes of activity were provided. Meanwhile, Andy, ZD9BV, continues to be active from the same island, especialy on 20 and 17 meters SSB. There have been some QSNs reported on 10 meters. QSL only direct.

ZS3, SOUTH AFRICA

Joe, AA4NN, will be active as ZS3NN from the Northern Cape of South Africa two days prior to CQ WW CW Contest (November 25-26th). Activity will be on CW only 160-10 meters, plus the WARC bands. His location is on the beach south of Port Nolloth. During the CQWW DX CW Contest, he will be a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via AA4NN.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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